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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☒ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☒ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☐ the description:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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- ☐ the drawings:
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
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4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
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International application No.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1,2	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1,2	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1,2	YES
	Claims	None	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents.

D1 : JP 1985-119685(1985.06.27)

D2 : JP 2000-221476(2000.08.11)

D3 : JP 2001-318659(2001.11.16)

D4 : US 4,823,121(1989.04.18)

D1 discloses the precharge circuit which precharge the video memory forcibly, for preventing the contents stored in the video memory from being destroyed during the transient time of read/wrire mode.

D2 discloses the precharging method in which applied precharging voltage is varied depending on the position of the data line in each data line block, for making luminance unevenness occurring in a boundary between each blocks inconspicuous.

D3 discloses a pre-charge circuit composed of a level shifter circuit to be controlled by an output of a latch circuit and the latch circuit. Only for a precharging period and the preceding and following periods, the latch circuit is transitioned into an active state and the level shifter circuit is made to operate. Except for the above periods, the latch circuit is transitioned into an inactive state and the level shifter circuit is maintained at an inactive state, and thus, power consumption is decreased in the level shifter.

D4 discloses the control method of EL display, in which by disabling the pre-charge circuit, pull-up charge circuit, etc., during the scanning operation of the line with no illuminating pixel, the power consumption can be reduced.

1. The present invention involves the concept of synchronizing the scan-, data-, and precharging-signals, more specifically, delaying the data-signal until the precharging-signal is applied, hence reducing the row line flashing.

D1~D4 relate to the driving method of a flat panel display which has the function of precharging, but none of the above documents teaches or fairly suggests the synchronization of display- and precharging-signals. Moreover, none of them has the intention to reduce the row line flashing.

Thus, the subject-matter of Claims 1 and 2 seems to be novel and to have an inventive step required in Article 33(2) and (3) PCT.